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For: COMPOUNDS HAVING SELECTIVE HYDROLYTIC POTENTIALS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully
request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

-- 23. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_3 is methyl
and R_4 is $-O-X-(R_5)_m$.

24. A compound according to claim 23, wherein R_2 is
methyl.

25. A compound according to claim 24, wherein X is S and
m is 2.

26. A compound according to claim 25, wherein R_5 is a
member independently selected from the group consisting of a
hydrogen atom; a hydroxyl group; $=O$; substituted or unsubstituted
 $C_{(3-10)}$ alkyl, $C_{(2-10)}$ alkenyl, $C_{(2-10)}$ alkynyl, $C_{(1-10)}$ alkoxy, $C_{(1-10)}$
oxoalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$ carboxyalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$ hydroxyalkyl; and a
substituted $C_{(1-2)}$ alkyl group.

27. A compound according to claim 26, wherein R_5 is H, OH
or $=O$.--